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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STORY PUBLISHED IN APRIL 12 VOICE
OF UGANDA.

BEGIN TEXT. AMERICA TO WITHDRAW AID TO UGANDA

BY LONDON REPORTER

THE UNITED STATES IS TO STOP ALL AID TO UGANDA AND WILL
WITHDRAW ALL AID PERSONNEL ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES
IN LONDON.

A STATEMENT WAS EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON SHORTLY ON THE
MATTER.

BUT IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT PRESIDENT AMIN HAS SAID WHO-
EVER WANTS TO LEAVE UGANDA IS FREE TO DO SO BECAUSE THE COUNTRY
STILL HAS MANY FRIENDS WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP.

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THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID) IS AMONG THOSE TERMINATING THEIR SERVICES IN UGANDA, ACCORDING TO USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES ALTHOUGH THE AMERICAN CHARGE D' AFFAIRES IN UGANDA WAS RELUCTANT TO ADMIT THIS AND REFERRED US TO ANOTHER OFFICIAL.

THE MISSION WAS ESTABLISHED IN UGANDA IN THE EARLY SIXTIES AND IS INVOLVED IN VARIOUS PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

THE MISSION HAS BEEN GIVING BOTH FINANCIAL AID AND EXPERTISE TO UGANDA AND ALSO TRAINING MANPOWER TO TAKE OVER FROM THE EXPATRIATES EVENTUALLY.

HOWEVER, SEVERAL MONTHS BACK, SOME EXPERTS STARTED LEAVING BUT UNLIKE IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WERE NOT REPLACED. AND RECENTLY, THE LARGEST GROUP OF NINE WENT AWAY.

THE SOURCES DISCLOSED THAT THE MISSION'S BUDGET ENDS ON JUNE 30, THIS YEAR BUT NO ALLOCATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEVERANCE PAY FOR THE AFFECTED LOCAL STAFF ARE ALREADY IN PROGRESS AND WILL BE EFFECTED AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE.

THERE HAS BEEN NO APPROPRIATION FOR UGANDA IN THE AMERICAN AID BILL WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON IS SOON TO PRESENT TO CONGRESS. AID TO UGANDA IS RUNNING AT ABOUT 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY.

RELATIONS WITH UGANDA.

THE U. S. AMBASSADOR, MR. MELADY, WAS RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS EARLY THIS YEAR AND HAS NOT SINCE RETURNED. SPECULATION IS THAT HE WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO KAMPALA. THE EMBASSY IS TO BE DOWNGRADED AS THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION WAS LAST YEAR. END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EDITORIAL IN SAME ISSUE OF PAPER. BEGIN TEXT. UGANDA CAN'T STARVE BECAUSE OF AID.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN LONDON DISCLOSED YESTERDAY THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS STOPPING ALL AID TO UGANDA AND

WITHDRAWING ALL PERSONNEL.

THE SOURCES ALSO SAID THAT THE AID BILL PRESIDENT NIXON WILL BE PRESENTING TO CONGRESS DOES NOT CONTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FOR UGANDA.

HERE IN UGANDA MOST OF THE PERSONNEL FOR THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE LEFT AND HAVE NOT BEEN REPLACED. RELIABLE SOURCES SAID THERE IS NO BUDGET AFTER JUNE 30 TH THIS YEAR AND LOCAL STAFF WILL BE PAID OFF.

ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE MOVE IS BEING TAKEN BY WASHINGTON TO KEEP IN STEP WITH BRITAIN WHICH CANCELLED AID TO UGANDA AND HAS DOWNGRADED ITS HIGH COMMISSION HERE.

IF NOTHING ELSE, THIS BANDING TOGETHER OF TWO POWERS AGAINST A SMALLER COUNTRY GIVES THE LIE TO PIOUS PRO- NOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE NOBLE AIMS OF AID.

THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN AID TO KEEP IN STEP WITH BRITAIN SMACKS OF POLITICAL ARM TWISTING.

IT PROVES BEYOND DOUBT THAT AID IS GIVEN BY SOME COUNTRIES WITH HEAVY STRINGS ATTACHED.

BY ASSERTING HERSELF AND TAKING MEASURES TO CONTROL HER ECONOMY, UGANDA HAS DISPLEASED MANY. THESE ARE TH COUNTRIES THAT WANTED AFRICANS TO CONTINUE BEING SERFS TO FOREIGNERS IN THEIR OWN MOTHERLAND.

WITHDRAWALS OF AID SHOULD NOT FRIGHTEN UGANDANS FOR THIS TRICK HAS BEEN USED ELSEWHERE AND FAILED.

WHEN SEKU TOURE, PRESIDENT OF GUINEA REFUSED TO JOIN THE NEO- COLONIALIST FRENCH COMMUNITY AID AND PERSONNEL WERE WITHDRAWN. GUINEA STUCK IT OUT AND SHE IS DEVELOPING, PERHAPS EVEN FASTER THAN SHE WOULD HAVE DONE IN THE COMMUNITY.

AFRICA MUST BRACE HERSELF AND BE CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT FOR ANY BLACKMAIL OR ARM TWISTING.

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UGANDANS CANNOT STARVE BECAUSE THE U. S. HAS WITHDRAWN ITS AID. WE ARE ON THE ROAD TO ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND THOSE WHO WITHDRAW AID ARE SIMPLY HELPING US TO LEARN FASTER TO STAND ON OUR OWN. END TEXT.

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